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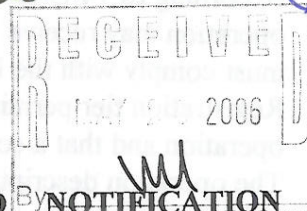
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May 23, 2006

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**RE: LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION
APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR AGROMIN COMPOSTING OPERATION.**

Dear Mr. Teague:

The County of Monterey, Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) received the application package materials on April 27, 2006, for the Agromin Composting operation on Lagomarsino Avenue in King City. The application package, included the following:

1. Enforcement Agency Notification Application Form CIWMB 169 (Rev. 9/03) dated April 18, 2006.
2. Evidence of compliance with requirement to notify the local planning department of the operator's intent to commence operations in the form of a letter dated March 29, 2006, sent from Alex Teague of the Salinas Land Company to David Lutes of Monterey County Planning and Building.
3. Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP) for Agromin Composting dated March 29, 2006.

The LEA has reviewed the package and found that it is incomplete and is not accepted for filing. Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) requires that all notification application packages contain the information stated in 14 CCR Section 18103.1. In order to meet these requirements the LEA provides the following comments:

1. The Enforcement Agency (EA) Notification application contains contradictory information regarding the volume of agricultural and green materials that would be handled. Both operation description on form CIWMB 169 of the application and the Odor Impact Minimization Plan state that 12,500 cubic yards of material will be on-site at any given time while the Description of Operation of the form CIWMB 169 states that *feedstock volume will not exceed 12,500 cubic yards*. Notification tier allows a maximum total of 12,500 cubic yards of material on-site at any given time. That total includes feedstock, active and finished compost (end product). Please clarify the maximum amount of material (including but not limited to feedstock, actively composting, and finished material) that is to be kept on-site.

Letter to Mr. Teague dated 5/23/06

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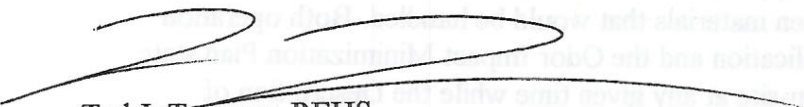
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2. The operation description section of the application indicates, "all material will be held for at least 7 days to achieve temperatures and kill weed seeds". Operations authorized to use the enforcement agency notification tier are required to operate in accordance with the minimum standards set forth in Chapter 3.1 of Division 7 of 14 CCR applicable to that operation. This includes a pathogen reduction process, which varies depending on the method of composting used, including specific temperature, turning, and testing requirements. Operation methods must meet or exceed those outlined in Chapter 3.1 of Division 7 of 14 CCR.
3. According to 14 CCR 17862.1, the maximum amount that a Notification tier chipping & grinding operation may receive is 200 tons per day. If a business exceeds the 200 tons per day then it must comply with the Registration tier permit process as per 14 CCR 18104, which explains the Registration tier permit process. Please note that Registration would only cover the grinding operation and that a separate permit would be needed for the composting portion of the activity. The operation description section of the application and the letter to the Planning Department indicate that chipping and grinding activities will take place at this facility, including receiving 300 tons of material per day.
4. The EA Notification application fails to include complete address information including the street number for the address and peak loading (be sure to indicate tons or cubic yards) information.
5. Although it is not a requirement in the regulation for application, the LEA advises Agromin Composting to provide a location site map showing property boundaries and footprint of operation. This information will be necessary for issuing a Solid Waste Information System identification number by the California Integrated Waste Management Board once the application is accepted for filing.

Additionally, a one-time permit application fee of \$262 and an annual health permit fee for compost operation notification of \$419 are required. The \$419 compost operation notification fee is a recurring fee that will be charged by the Monterey County Health Department each July. **Please address these comments and re-submit the EA notification application with the requested information and applicable fees prior to commencing operation.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by e-mail at TerrasasTJ@co.monterey.ca.us or by phone at (831) 755-8977.

Sincerely,



Ted J. Terrasas, REHS
Senior Environmental Health Specialist

Enclosure: Copy of Tiered Regulatory Placement Chart from California Integrated Waste Management Board

C: John Ramirez, MCHD
Karen Schkolnick, MCHD
Angela Basquez, CIWMB

ENFORCEMENT AGENCY NOTIFICATION

Enforcement Agency: Monterey County Health Department
Division of Environmental Health

Official Use Only

County: County of Monterey

SWIS Number:

Date Received:

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APR 24 2006
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Operation Name: Agromin Composting

Address: Lagomarsino Avenue
APN 220-081-04

City: King City **State:** CA

Zip: 93060

Phone: 805-650-1616

Fax: 805-650-9630

Operator Name: Agromin

Address: **City:** 5275 Colt Street, Suite 3 **City** Ventura **State:** CA **Zip:** 93003

Phone: 805-650-1616

Fax: 805-650-9630

Land Owner: Salinas Land Company – APN 220-081-04

Address: P.O. Box 686

City: King City

State: CA

Zip: 93930-0686

Phone: (831) 385-3858

Fax:

II. OPERATION INFORMATION

Authorizing Eligibility (State Section of 14 CCR Division 7, Chapter 3 or 3.1): 17856 Agricultural Material Composting Operations. Compost, mulch, and wood chips are to be used on an agricultural lands owned and leased by the owner, parent, or subsidiary.

Type(s) of Waste/Material Handled: Agricultural Materials and Green Materials

Volume of Waste/Material Handled: Up to 12,500 cubic yards on-site

Peak Loading:

Annual Loading: 62,000 tons

Days and Hours of Operation:

Monday – Sunday, dawn—dusk

Operation Acreage: 10 acres

Brief Description of the Operation: The operations would qualify as an Agricultural Compostable Handling Operations accepting green materials. The operations would include the chipping and grinding of agricultural materials, green waste and/or wood materials, to produce compost and compost by products such as mulch and wood chips. A graded 10 acre site on an all-weather surface within APN 220-081-04 will receive incoming feed stock. Feed stock volume will not exceed 12,500 cubic yards on site at any one time. All material received will be held for at least 7 days to achieve temperatures to kill weed seeds. An Odor Impact Minimization Plan is attached.

III. DOCUMENTATION OF LOCAL NOTIFICATION (check one and submit with EA Notification)

- ☐ Proof of Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- ☐ Correspondence from the local planning department that compliance with CEQA is not required for the operation to obtain local land use approval.
- ☒ Written notice to the local planning department of the operator's intent to commence operations.

IV. OWNER/OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Land Owner: Alfonso - Alex M. Paez **Date:** 4/18/06

Signature of Operator: Bill Camarillo **Date:** 4/18/06



